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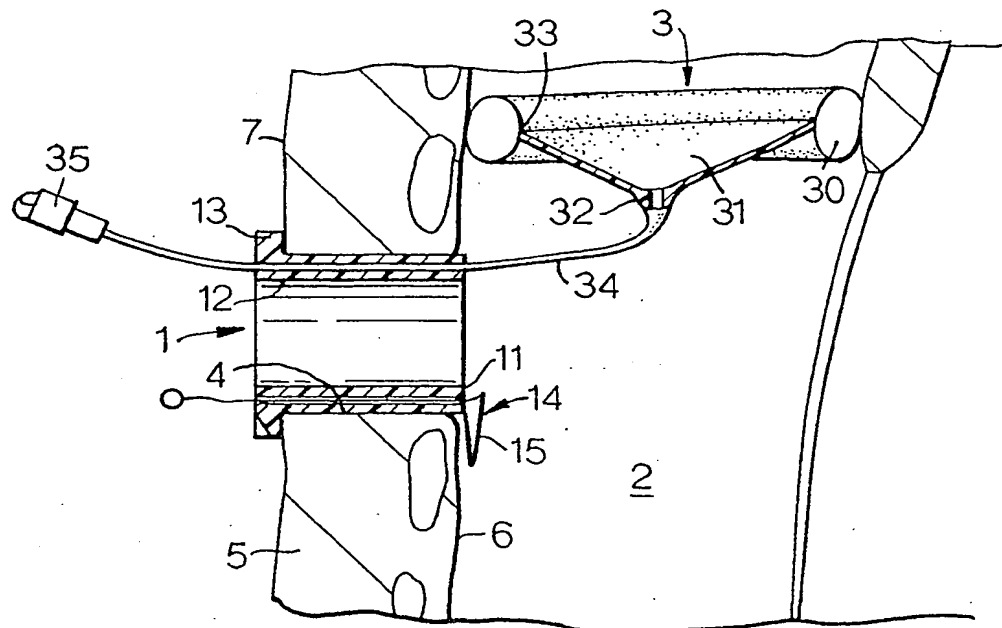
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(57) Abstract: A tracheostomy device has a short tube (10, 10', 10'') terminating adjacent the internal end of an opening (4) into the trachea (2). A flange (13) secures the external end of the tube and a retainer (14, 45, 59, 61) secures the internal end of the tube against the surface of the trachea (2). The device also includes a seal (3, 60), which engages the surface of the trachea (2) above the opening, and a suction passage (34) extending externally by which secretions can be removed.

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